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Electricity

U.S. Northwest Adopts Standard to Ensure Adequate Power Supplies

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the Bonneville Power Administration have developed the region's first-ever standard to assess the balance between electricity supply and demand. The new standard will help the Northwest avert electric delivery crises.

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/7451368.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

Storm Knocks Out Power to 29,000 Georgia Power Customers in Georgia May 10

http://www.wtvm.com/Global/story.asp?S=4893266&nav=menu91_2

<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/mld/ledgerenquirer/news/local/14558900.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

Storm Knocks Out Power to 28,000 WPS Customers in Northeastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan May 11

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060512/GPG0101/605120591/1207>

Storm Knocks Out Power to 26,000 Entergy Customers in Arkansas May 10

<http://www.todaysthv.com/news/news.aspx?storyid=28360>

Update: SCE's 1,080 MW San Onofre 3 Nuke in California Ramps Up to 98 Percent May 12

The unit, which shut March 29 to inspect some gaskets, was operating at 74 percent on May 11.

Reuters, 08:03 May 12, 2006

Update: Exelon's 619 MW Oyster Creek Nuke in New Jersey Ramps Up to 38 Percent May 12

The unit, which exited an outage today, was shut on May 6 for repairs.

Reuters 07:30 May 12, 2006

FirstEnergy's 1,235 MW Perry Nuke in Ohio Ramps Up to 33 Percent May 12

The unit, which shut May 8 to fix a hydraulic oil leak in the reactor recirculation control system, was operating at 9 percent on May 11.

Reuters 07:43 May 12, 2006

Ameren Corp.'s 1,137 MW Callaway Nuke Unit in Missouri Shut May 12

The unit shut due to high vibration on the main turbine bearings.

Reuters, 08:22 May 12, 2006

CMS Energy's 767 MW Palisades Nuke Unit in Michigan Shut May 11

The company manually shut the unit after discovering a dropped control rod as the unit ramped up from a refueling outage.

Reuters, 08:14 May 12, 2006

Complete's 256 MW La Paloma Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut May 11

Reuters, 19:16 May 11, 2006

Kansas's Largest Wind Farm Dedicated May 11

PPM Energy's 150 MW wind farm was dedicated yesterday in Kansas. The project, called the Elk River Wind Farm, consists of 100 1.5 MW generators.

Reuters, 13:17 May 12, 2006

Petroleum

Update: Chevron's 243,000 b/d Richmond Refinery Crude Unit Restarted May 11

The unit was shut briefly due to an electrical glitch.

Reuters, 18:44 May 11, 2006

Reuters, 08:36 May 12, 2006

Pacific Ethanol to Build 35 Million Gallon per Year Plant in Oregon

The company has received permits to build the plant on the Columbia River near Boardman. Construction will begin within 30 days and the plant will be completed in about 12 months.

Reuters, 17:22 May 11, 2006

Update: Three Kidnapped Foreign Oil Workers Freed in Nigeria

The three foreign oil workers kidnapped in the Nigerian oil city of Port Harcourt were released yesterday after a day in captivity.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=1953226>

Militants Threaten LNG Plant and Oil Facility in Nigeria

On May 12, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) issued a threat against a liquefied natural (LNG) gas export terminal in Nigeria. The group also said it would launch a warning raid against an oil installation so that workers and local residents would know to evacuate the area. According to the EIA, the only LNG terminal currently operating in Nigeria is on Bonny Island and has a total capacity of 17 million tons per year. The facility sent its first shipment of LNG to the United States in January 2006. MEND attacks have already shut in a quarter of Nigeria's oil output.

<http://today.reuters.com/business/newsarticle.aspx?type=tnBusinessNews&storyID=nL12773959&imageid=&cap=www.eia.doe.gov>

Natural Gas

FERC Extends Rockies Express Pipeline Phase I Completion Date by One Year

The proposed 42-inch, 1,300-mile pipeline, now set for completion in August 2007, is designed to transport Rocky Mountain natural gas to the Midwest.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/7452293.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices May 12, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	72.05	70.09	48.83
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.35	6.80	6.62

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

High Winds Knock Out Power to 13,000 in Albuquerque, New Mexico May 9

<http://www.kobtv.com/index.cfm?viewer=storyviewer&id=25705&cat=NMTOPSTORIES>

Pennsylvania Plans to Replace 900 Million Gallons of Transportation Fuels with Alternative Sources

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/7452405.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Estimated Canadian Gas Resources Up 60 TCF

Natural Gas Intelligence, May 11, 2006

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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